

ferred to the auditor-general, to take order therein as in other cases of claims of a similar nature. All which is submitted to the honourable house.

By order,

R. B. LATIMER, clk.

Which was read.

On motion, the question was put, That the report on the memorial of William Fitzhugh have a second reading? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Taney appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Graves,	Turner,	Waters,	Quynn,	Bayly,	McMechen,
	B. Worthington,	Goldsbrough,	R. Bowie,	John Seney,	J. Bond,	Steret,
	Grahame,	Bracco,	F. Bowie,	Chaille,	Driver,	Funk.
	Taney,	Gale,	Chafe,			

N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	T. Bond,	Ridgely,	John Dashiell,	Miller,	Beatty,	Wheeler,
	De Butts,	Ridgely of Wm.	Baker,	Sewell,	Norris,	Stull,
	N. Worthington,	Stevenson,	Oglevee,	Joseph Dashiell,	Love,	Oneale.
	Dent,					

So it was resolved in the affirmative.

The report on the memorial of William Fitzhugh was read the second time, and the question put, That the house concur therewith? The yeas and nays being called for by Mr. Taney appeared as follow :

A F F I R M A T I V E.

Messieurs	Grahame,	Taney,	Gale,	Waters,	W. Bowie.
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N E G A T I V E.

Messieurs	T. Bond,	Dent,	Baker,	John Seney,	Beatty,	Driver,
	De Butts,	Turner,	Oglevee,	Sewell,	Bayly,	McMechen,
	Lethrbury,	Ridgely,	Miller,	Chaille,	Norris,	Steret,
	Graves,	Ridgely of Wm.	R. Bowie,	Joseph Dashiell,	Love,	Stull,
	B. Worthington,	Stevenson,	F. Bowie,	Purnell,	J. Bond,	Funk,
	N. Worthington,	Goldsbrough,	Chafe,	Faw,	Wheeler,	Oneale.
	Carroll,	Bracco,	Quynn,			

So it was determined in the negative.

The bill ascertaining the mode of granting titles to the purchasers of certain confiscated property, was read the second time and passed.

Mr. Joshua Seney brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to empower Vachel Downes to collect the arrears due, for public and county assessments, to Samuel Ridgeway, late sheriff and collector of Queen-Anne's county, deceased; which was read the first and second time by especial order and passed.

The bill ascertaining the mode of granting titles to the purchasers of certain confiscated property, and the bill to empower Vachel Downes to collect the arrears due for public and county assessments, &c. were sent to the senate by Mr. Joshua Seney.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to obtain an equal valuation of lands in this state. ORDERED, That Mr. Chafe, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Steret, Mr. De Butts, and Mr. Joshua Seney, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill for the valuation of personal property within this state, according to its actual worth. ORDERED, That Mr. Chafe, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Steret, Mr. De Butts, and Mr. Joshua Seney, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

On motion, Leave given to bring in a bill to raise the supplies for the year 1786. ORDERED, That Mr. Chafe, Mr. Lethrbury, Mr. Steret, Mr. De Butts, and Mr. Joshua Seney, be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Quynn brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill entitled, An act for the benefit of the estate of Anne Catharine Green; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. De Butts, from the committee, brings in and delivers to Mr. Speaker a bill, entitled, An act to obtain an equal valuation of lands in this state; which was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

James Lloyd, Esq; from the senate, delivers to Mr. Speaker, the following message :

By THE SENATE, JANUARY 29, 1786.

GENTLEMEN,

UPON reading your bills to establish permanent salaries for the governor, chancellor, and the judges, we are of opinion the provision proposed to be made for them is not a sufficient compensation for their services, nor will it enable them to support with dignity the rank to which their superior trusts entitle them. The greatest security which a people can enjoy under any government, results from a strict and impartial administration of justice. The independence of the magistrate, invested with this important trust, has been the first care of the legislator, who wished the government to be permanent and the people happy. By a liberal provision being made to the chancellor and the judges, they can dedicate their whole time and abilities to the service of the public. Gentlemen of merit and knowledge will be thereby induced to engage in this most important trust, and their personal characters and abilities will give weight to their decisions, and security to the government. We are very sensible that the state or our finances